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# K.R. Rakshith takes office as In-charge MDA Commissioner

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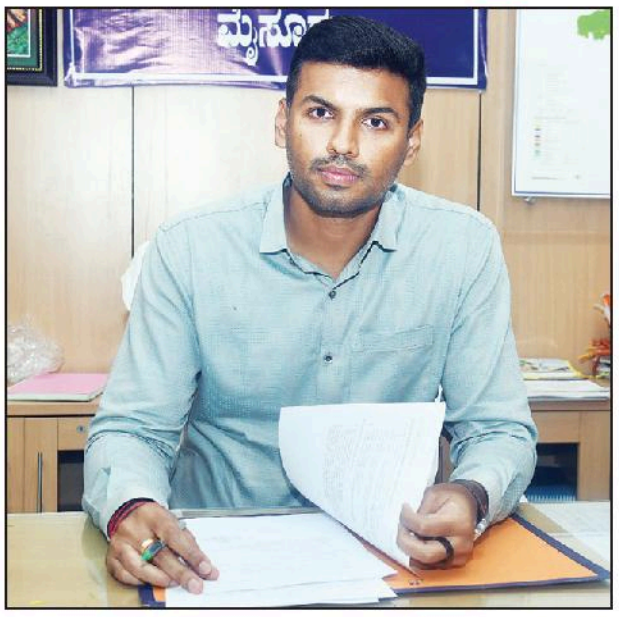

*KAS Officer K.R. Rakshith, who took over as In-charge Commissioner of Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), seen at his chamber yesterday.*

Mysuru, May 28 (RK & DM)- KAS Officer K.R. Rakshith took charge as the In-charge Commissioner of Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) from outgoing Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan at the MDA office on JLB Road here yesterday.

The Government on Monday had issued an order appointing Rakshith as Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) of MDA concurrently holding charge as its in-charge Commissioner. Rakshith was earlier serving as Assistant Commissioner at Mysuru.

Rakshith, a KAS Officer of the 2014 batch, said that he would not belie the trust reposed in him by the Chief Minister, the Urban Development Minister and the District Minister and would try to bring in a people-friendly administration in the Authority.

**(See K.R. RAKSHITH on page 6)**

**To Our Readers**

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# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Wednesday 28th May 2025


## Naval Veterans Association displays Tiranga

Mysuru, May 28- Naval Veterans Association Mysuru displayed Tiranga to support the country's successful Tri Forces' Operation Sindoor and boost the morale of presently serving Army, Air Force and Naval Forces.

The Naval Veterans conducted a Tiranga display in front of Kuvempu statue at Kuvempunagar on May 24.

"It is our duty to honour and show the solidarity towards our motherland," said Gajanan T. Bhat, President of Naval Veterans Association, Mysuru, in a press release.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TEACHER SHORTAGE - STOPGAP IS NO SOLUTION: ***Faced with a severe shortage of teachers, the Karnataka Education Department has announced the recruitment of 51,000 guest teachers — the highest-ever — for the 2025-26 academic year. On the surface, this appears to be a welcome and urgent response to a long-standing crisis. However, the sheer scale of this measure raises troubling questions about the government's planning, priorities and commitment to quality education. Why did we arrive at a situation where over 50,000 positions were left vacant in the first place? This decision, while necessary in the short-term, is a glaring example of systemic failure. Temporary appointments may offer a band-aid solution, but they expose deeper wounds of administrative neglect.***

***These guest teachers will remain in service only until permanent staff are recruited or until the end of the academic year. But what happens to them after that? Many choose government schools over better-paying private institutions, holding hope that temporary service may lead to permanent employment. Unfortunately, history offers little reassurance.***

***Guest teachers in government institutions served for years, only to be discarded when permanent posts were filled. Many were deemed under-qualified, while others, having dedicated over a decade to teaching, found themselves age-barred from securing alternative employment. The human cost of such ad-hoc policies is immense, both for the teachers and the students who rely on them. The government claims that permanent recruitment will begin once internal reservation for the SC category is resolved.***

***But must we wait? Recruitment should be a continuous, streamlined process, not a reactionary measure when vacancies reach crisis levels. Education is too important to be held hostage by administrative inertia and political indecision.***

***Primary and secondary education forms the bedrock of a child's future. If Karnataka is serious about securing the prospects of its students, it must move beyond stopgap solutions. Appointing permanent qualified teachers — not temporary fixes — is the only way forward. The State must act decisively, expedite recruitment, invest in teacher training and ensure stability in schools. Children deserve more than a patchwork education system; they deserve a future built on certainty, not contingency.***

*—In Deccan Herald*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Cow caught in flood found alive 11 miles away

Sydney: A cow was found alive on an Australian beach after being carried up to 11 miles by floodwaters.

Layla Philipson found the cow alive on the sand on Old Bar beach, on the Mid North Coast of New South Wales.

The cow was one of multiple bovines swept away by floodwaters brought on by torrential rains. The bovine is believed to have originated from Taree, about 11 miles from the beach where it was located.

Philipson posted photos of the cow to the Taree Community Noticeboard on Facebook, where they came to the attention of the animal's owner.

The owner said the cow has been removed from the beach and is being treated by a veterinarian.

### Hikers discover gold coins from 1800s

Czechia: A pair of hikers in Czechia hit the jackpot after stumbling upon a cache of gold coins and jewels worth over 3,00,000 dollars — which some historians speculate could've been purposefully hidden from the Nazis.

"When he [one of the hikers] opened it, my jaw dropped," said Miroslav Novak, head of archaeology at the Museum of East Bohemia, where the treasure trove was assessed.

The unnamed alpinists had been hiking the Czech Republic's Podkrkonosí Mountains earlier this year when they happened across a small aluminum can and an iron box.

After peeping at the priceless contents, they brought it to Novak for evaluation. Inside the iron box was a horde of gold objects: sixteen snuff boxes, 10 bracelets, a wire bag, a comb, a chain and a powder compact.

Meanwhile, the can harbored 598 gold coins, which were "divided into 11 columns, each wrapped in black cloth," per the archaeology buff.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

The combination of increased sun exposure, sweating, and more open pores can lead to an increase in acne. Dirt and oil from your hands can transfer to your face. They get trapped by open pores and sweat, resulting in breakouts.

***By Dr. Ravi S. – Consultant Dermatology & Cosmetologist - Manipal Hospital, Mysore***

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

## CBSE Class 10 board exam to be held twice a year from 2026

New Delhi, May 28 (Agencies)- To create a stress-free learning environment, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) will conduct Class 10 Board Examinations twice a year from 2026.

Speaking at an Education Conclave recently, the Minister said: "This move aims to mitigate exam-related stress among students and is a key step towards implementing the National Education Policy (NEP). By allowing students to appear for exams twice, similar to the JEE Main format, they will have the flexibility to choose the better score. The feedback I've received indicates students are happy with the decision to hold board exams twice a year."

Minister Pradhan highlighted that this reform is a significant step towards creating a stress-free learning environment and ensuring a more balanced evaluation system for students.

## WATER LEVEL

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- ***They communicate with each other by bleating. Mothers will often call to their young (kids) to ensure they stay close-by. Mother and kid goats recognise each other's calls soon after the mothers give birth.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Peter:*** *Doctor, I get severe pain when I bend over, put my hands below the knees and bring them up over my waist.*

***Doctor:*** *Why make such silly movements?*

***Peter:*** *How should I get my pants on then?!*

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VOICE OF THE READER

# Dangerously overloaded goods vehicle

Sir,

On May 23, a small goods carrier was seen dangerously overloaded on Hunsur Road. The vehicle was carrying a load haphazardly tied and stacked to nearly twice its height, significantly exceeding safe limits and posing a serious risk to other road users.

Despite passing multiple junctions where Traffic Police are usually stationed, the vehicle was not intercepted. It was visibly leaning to one side and the driver appeared to be operating it in an unsafe manner.

This incident underscores a persistent problem: although regulations clearly define the maximum allowable weight and dimensions for transported goods, enforcement remains lax. Such violations continue to endanger public safety.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
23.5.2025

# Nursing College, Mortuary proposed at District Hospital

## Dinesh Gundu Rao responds positively to proposals by officials

Mysuru, May 28 (RK&BS)- The health facilities in the district is most likely to get a boost with the Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao assuring to establish a Government Nursing College and Mortuary at the premises of District Hospital on KRS Road in Metagalli here.

Minister Rao conducted a meeting of Health Department officials following the inauguration of Day Care Chemotherapy Centre (DCCC) by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the District Hospital premises recently.

During the meeting, District Surgeon Dr. T. Amarnath brought to the notice of the Minister about the need to start a Nursing College and Mortuary at the District Hospital.

He explained about the pressure on existing Mortuary attached to Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), in the case of any fatal cases treated under Medico Legal Cases (MLC), to preserve the body in cold storage, till the autopsy related procedures were completed. With MMC&RI mortuary being the only Government facility to depend upon, there has been an inordinate delay in completing the autopsy procedure.

Adding to this, District Health and Family Welfare Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy said, the 300-bed District Hospital is proving inadequate to provide better service to the patients due to the lack of adequate number of staff. With the increase in demand for nursing staff, it would be ideal to sanction a Nursing College under the District Hospital.

"The Minister responded positively, issuing instructions to submit a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for both the proposals," said Dr. Kumaraswamy.

The DHO told *Star of Mysore,* "We will submit the DPR to the Government, along with the extent of land required for both the Nursing College and Mortuary and details of estimated cost for providing basic infrastructural facilities."

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Blood Donation

As part of Veer Savarkar Jayanti celebrations, Prajnavanta Nagarika Vedike and Jeevadhara Blood Bank have jointly organised a voluntary blood donation camp at Jeevadhara Blood Bank premises on New Sayyaji Rao Road in city tomorrow (May 29) at 11 am. BJP City President L. Nagendra, BJP District President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, BJP leader R. Raghu Kautilya, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, BJP City Vice-President Hema Nandeesh, Chamundeshwari Block President Rakesh Bhat and Blood Bank Director Girish will be the chief guests.

### Mass Upanayana

A Mass Upanayana ceremony has been organised at Sadhanahalli Sri Saptarshi Gurukula Sevashrama near Mandi on KRS Road, Mysuru, tomorrow (May 29). Ashrama Founder Sri Abhanavaramanuja Jeeyar will grace the occasion. [Mob: 89045-79168 or 99866-72522].

### 'Atithya Ratna' awardee

Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President **C. Narayanagowda** has been selected for 'Atithya Ratna' award given by Karnataka Hotel Owners Association, Bengaluru. He has been selected for the award in consideration of his religious, social and educational services. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot will confer the award on Narayanagowda at an event to be held at Sir M.V. Auditorium on Kempegowda Road in Bengaluru at 10 am on May 29.

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# MLC demands rejuvenation of ancient Kalyanis at Chandravana

*Poor condition of a Kalyani in Chandravana Medicinal Plants Nursery near the Swimming Pool at Saraswathipuram in Mysuru.*

Mysuru, May 28 (SBD&DM)- MLC K. Vivekananda has urged the Government to take immediate measures for rejuvenation of ancient Kalyanis (water bodies), which are in poor condition with no maintenance at Chandravana Medicinal Plants Nursery near the Swimming Pool at Saraswathipuram in the city.

In a letter written to Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao, Vivekananda said that the Chandravana Nursery, which was set up by the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas is now under the custody of Government Ayurveda Medical College. The Nursery is a breeding centre for rare species of many medicinal and horticultural plants. It also has two Kalyanis which feed water to these plants. But now, these Kalyanis are in a deplorable state and there is an urgent need for their rejuvenation, he said.

Pointing out that it has come to his notice that the Government Ayurveda College is facing short of funds for maintenance and development of Chandravana, Vivekananda said, as such, the Health Department itself should take measures for development of Chandravana and rejuvenation of Kalyanis.

It may be mentioned that *Star of Mysore's* sister concern *Mysuru Mithra* had carried a report in this regard in its May 6 edition, detailing the poor state of Kalyanis in Chandravana.

**Supply saplings for free to schools**

In another letter to Horticulture Minister S.S. Mallikarjun, MLC K. Vivekananda has urged the Minister to ensure free supply of saplings by the Horticulture Department to Government educational institutions.

Noting that teachers of Govt. schools and colleges have been demanding the Govt. to supply ornamental and fruit saplings for planting in the premises, he said the Horticulture Department officials are saying that there is no scheme to supply saplings for free. As such, the Minister should direct the Department officials to supply the sought saplings for free, the letter said.

# Ayub Khan strived for making Mysuru 'Clean City'

*The Mysuru District (Rural) Congress felicitated KEA Chairman Ayub Khan at the KEA premises in Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru, on Sunday.*

Mysuru, May 28 (MK&DM)- The Mysuru District (Rural) Congress felicitated Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Chairman Ayub Khan, who is also a former city Mayor, at a programme organised at the KEA premises in Exhibition Grounds on Sunday.

Speaking on the occasion, Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre said that the annual Dasara event at Mysuru attracts lakhs of people from across the country and abroad. Pointing out that the 90-day Dasara Exhibition organised as part of Dasara festival, sees the participation of almost all Government Departments, Boards and Corporations, he said that the expo is a treat to the public, the tourists and other visitors, with many recreational and entertainment facilities, food stalls and many more.

"Mysuru has been declared a single-use plastic free city. In keeping with this tag, KEA Chairman Ayub Khan strived for making last year's Dasara Expo completely free of banned plastics. Ayub Khan, who has also served as a Mysuru Mayor in the past, had succeeded in bringing funds under JnNURM Scheme and made all efforts for keeping the city clean and tidy. He is also a good organiser," Khandre said adding that Ayub Khan should script a new chapter by taking the popular Dasara Expo to much greater heights at the global level.

Speaking after receiving felicitation, Ayub Khan said that the Dasara Expo will be transformed into a prominent tourist spot in the country. Highlighting his plans for the forthcoming Dasara Expo, he said that this year's expo will feature as many as 153 stalls designed on the architecture of Belur-Halebid temples. Musical Fountain and Dragon boating among other things, will be an added attraction, he pointed out.

Dist. Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former Mayors Modamani & Pushpalatha Chikkanna, party leaders Syed Hazrathulla, Shaukath Pasha, K.V. Mallesh, Raghuraje Urs, Fairoz Khan, N.R. Nagesh, Ramesh, Kaiser Ahmed, Mallikarjun, Rakesh Kumar, Dairy Venkatesh, Syed Farooq and others were present.

# Alleged scam in purchase of CCTV cameras and furniture by UoM

Mysuru, May 28 (GA&DM)- Even as the over a century old University of Mysore (UoM) is facing a severe financial crunch, a city Advocate said that he has filed a complaint with the Lokayukta accusing the UoM authorities of grave irregularities in the procurement of furniture and CCTV cameras for the University.

Addressing a press meet here recently, Advocate G.N. Karthik said that the UoM invited tenders on Mar. 14, 2024 for purchase of furniture and CCTV cameras for its School of Engineering, following which Sheetal Products, Open Systems and Engineering, Arvind Interiors, Childhood Play and Life Link Associates submitted tenders, quoting their rates.

When the tenders were opened, it was found that Life Link Associates was the lowest bidder, who quoted Rs. 1,49,99,900. But the University authorities rejected this bid citing technical issues. Later, UoM Vice-Chancellor and former University Registrar V.R. Shylaja awarded the tender to Sheetal Products and Arvind Interiors, which companies were allegedly close to them, for Rs. 2,16,11,525, which was Rs. 67 lakh more than the rate quoted by the lowest bidder. This is nothing but a scam, Karthik maintained.

Accusing the University authorities of rendering Rs. 67 lakh loss to the University, Karthik said that he has lodged a complaint in this regard with the Lokayukta, who have issued notices to all the authorities concerned. The Lokayukta may file an FIR based on his complaint, he added.

## Obituary

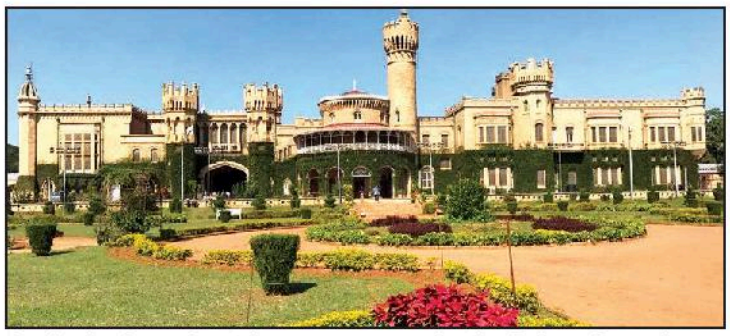
**S. Guruswamy**

Nanjangud, May 28- S. Guruswamy (73), Proprietor of Guru Bangles Store and Vice-President of Sri Kanakagiri Kendagandeshwara Swamy Mutt Trust in Nanjangud, passed away early this morning in the town.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Veerashaiva-Lingayat Burial Grounds, next to Hejjige Bridge this afternoon.

# SC refers State Govt's plea on Bangalore Palace TDR to CJI

*Justice Gavai*



New Delhi, May 28 (UNI)- The Supreme Court (SC) has referred to the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice B. R. Gavai, the Karnataka Government's application challenging a direction for the issuance of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) certificates for Rs. 3,011.66 crore to the heirs of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family.

CJI Gavai would now study the matter and may give appropriate orders on the constitution of a larger Bench to hear the matter.

The direction for placing the matter before the CJI follows a Bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Dipankar Datta, which had expressed reservations about sitting in appeal over an order passed by a Coordinate Bench of Supreme Court.

The matter arose out of a May 22 order passed by a Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and Aravind Kumar, which, while hearing a batch of contempt petitions, directed the Karnataka Government to release TDR certificates in respect of 15 acres of Bangalore Palace Grounds acquired by the State, valued at over Rs. 3,000 crore in favour of the legal heirs of the Mysore Royal Family.

In response, the Karnataka Government moved an application in the Apex Court in a connected civil appeal challenging the direction.

Appearing for the State, Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal argued that the May 22 order was issued in a contempt matter, while the present application was filed in an appeal that has been pending since 1997.

Justice Surya Kant observed during the hearing, "How can we sit in appeal over an order passed by a Coordinate Bench?"

In support, Sibal submitted, "This order has been passed in a contempt petition, but we are before the Court in a connected appeal."

The Bench noted that appropriate orders, including on whether the matter should be heard by a larger Bench, must be sought from the Chief Justice of India.

Accordingly, the matter was directed to be placed before Gavai on the administrative side.

The underlying dispute dates back to 1996, when the Karnataka Government enacted the Bangalore Palace (Acquisition and Transfer) Act, seeking to acquire the Palace Grounds.

The Act was upheld by the Karnataka High Court, which was subsequently challenged by the heirs of the Mysore Royal Family in a civil appeal before the Supreme Court in 1997, which remains pending.

On Monday (May 26), the application was mentioned before a Bench led by CJI B.R. Gavai, which agreed to list the matter on Tuesday and remarked on the procedural question whether one Bench could effectively review the order of another Coordinate Bench.

Arguing against the retrospective grant of TDR, Sibal stated, "TDR was permitted only after a 2004 amendment. It cannot be applied retrospectively."

On the other side, counsel for the claimants submitted that the matter had already become infructuous, asserting that the TDR certificates had already been issued in compliance with the earlier direction.

The issue now awaits further consideration by a larger Bench, subject to CJI orders.

## MUDA 50:50 sites scam

# Special Court for Elected Representatives to hear case against CM tomorrow

Mysuru, May 28 (BLU&DM)- The Special Court for MPs, MLAs at Bengaluru will hear the case against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the case pertaining to the alleged illegal allotment of 14 sites in prime localities to the CM's family members in exchange of a parcel of land at Kesare, by the then MUDA, tomorrow (May 29).

The Court, in its last hearing, had taken strong objection to the Lokayukta Police failure to submit its final report on the investigation of the case. Judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat had directed the Lokayukta Police to submit its final report before the next hearing on May 29.

However, sources said that the Lokayukta Police may seek further extension of the May 29 deadline as they need more time for filing the final report as the investigation is incomplete.

Meanwhile, activist Snehamayi Krishna, who has filed the case in the Court against CM Siddaramaiah accusing him of getting 14 sites illegally, alleged that the Lokayukta Police are trying to shield the CM, his family members and other influential politicians involved in the case. Krishna also accused the Lokayukta Police of trying to put the blame only on the then MUDA officials, while trying to save those in power, powerful politicians and other influential persons involved in the case.

# BCCI to honour Indian Armed Forces

Mumbai, May 28 (Agencies)- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) will pay tributes to the Indian Armed Forces during the closing ceremony of this year Indian Premier League (IPL) at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on June 3 (Tuesday).

The decision was taken by the BCCI to celebrate the success of 'Operation Sindoor,' which witnessed Indian Armed Forces destroying several terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) as retaliation to the Pahalgam terror attack which killed 26 innocent tourists in Jammu and Kashmir.

Sources said that the BCCI had already sent invitations to Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Navy Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi and Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal A.P. Singh inviting them to be a part of the closing ceremony.

It is also learnt that the Indian Premier League closing ceremony will likely feature performance by military bands and prominent singers.

# Actor Anant Nag receives Padma Bhushan Award

*President Droupadi Murmu presenting Padma Bhushan Award to veteran Kannada actor and former Minister Anant Nag during the Civil Investiture Ceremony-II at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi yesterday.*

# Kumble Brand Ambassador of Forest Dept.: Minister

*Anil Kumble*

Bengaluru, May 28 (KMS&BS)- Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre has said, former cricketer Anil Kumble will be appointed as the Brand Ambassador of the Forest Department.

Addressing media persons on completion of two years in office as a Minister, Khandre said, Kumble has the experience of serving Karnataka Wildlife Board as its Vice-Chairman. He will be creating awareness on the conservation of wildlife and afforestation activities. He has a vast concern for the development of forests and has agreed to take up the role as the Brand Ambassador without seeking any remuneration for the same.

# No safari at Veeranahosahalli, Nanachi Gate from today till June 1

Mysuru, May 28 (MTY&BS)- In the wake of heavy rains in Kodagu and Kerala, safari has been suspended at Veeranahosahalli, Hunsur taluk coming under Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and Nanachi Gate in Kodagu district from today (May 28) till June 1.

Following the downpour, there is an increase in moisture in soil and hence the decision to suspend safari for now.

The safari at Kakanakote Safari Centre, Antharasanthe Range, H.D. Kote taluk continues as usual, stated ACF Ananya Kumar, Nagarahole Sub-Division.

# Mysore Races postponed

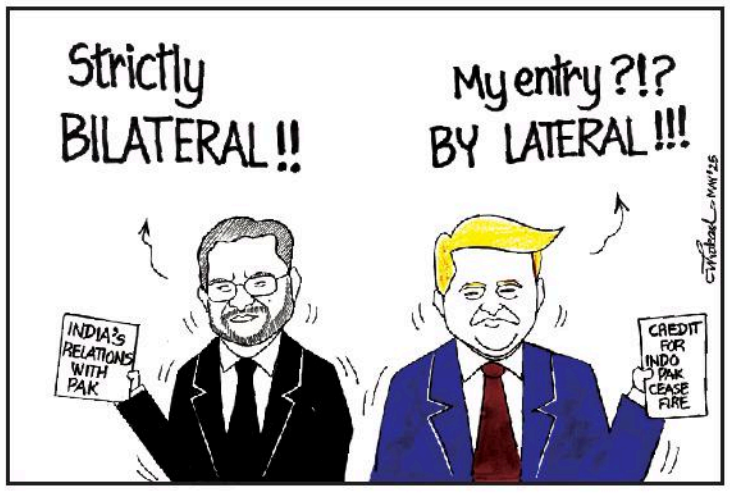
Mysuru, May 28 (VNS)- Mysore Race Club (MRC) has postponed the Mysore Summer Races-2025 to May 30. The races were scheduled to commence from today (May 28).

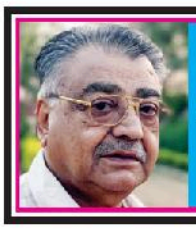
In a press released MRC Chairman and Senior Steward G. Venkatesh has said that the race were postponed due to inclement weather and unfavourable underfoot condition of the race track.

As per the new schedule, the races will now be held from May 30 to Aug. 6.

## TEASER

By N. Prakash





# Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

# Modi's Day of Judgement

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has completed his 11 years as Prime Minister of India in a successful, successive third term running. He first took charge as Prime Minister on 26th May, 2014. It is natural his admirers and also adversaries will venture into conducting a performance audit of Modi's achievements and failures. I am among his admirers no doubt but certainly not a Modi *bhakt* of the kind we find in his political party, BJP and among those aligned to Hindutva.

I admire Modi for all that he did for my country to rescue it from its abysmal fall into failed administration and development. India was seen in poor light among the comity of nations because of corruption and crony capitalism, specially during the 10 years of UPA (United Progressive Alliance Government-led by Congress Party) preceding Narendra Modi's arrival as Prime Minister on 26th May, 2014.

That year was a turning point in our country's modern political history because, arrival of Modi (not so much of BJP) as Prime Minister decisively ended 30 years of coalition politics of India with voters giving a clear and decisive mandate to BJP led by Narendra Modi.

This absolute majority in the Parliament provided a sharp razor's cutting edge advantage to Prime Minister Modi to take the country, that was sunk in the cesspool of corruption, on the path of *"Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas."*

Modi boldly called the bluff of the UPA government's policy that Muslims have the first claim on our country's resources, making the majority Hindus irrelevant. During those 10 years of UPA rule and earlier years of Congress rule, many laws were passed in the Parliament that were anti-Hindu and detrimental to Hindu religious, cultural and economic (Wakf Act, for example) ethos.

In such a discriminatory and dismal political and economic situation, when our countrymen could not see even a ray of light at the other end of the long dark tunnel of UPA administration, when our country

*Prime Minister Narendra Modi*

was groaning under the yoke of economic regression and political instability, **Narendra Modi appeared like a saviour. A messiah.**

In his 11 years of rule, he ended the policy paralysis the country was under during the UPA government and put India on the cusp of the world map and world order. Today India is world's third largest economy. Modi indeed deserves not three cheers but many many times more. He is a positive Prime Minister. **Like Napoleon Bonaparte, Modi believes that the word impossible is found only in a fool's dictionary.** Which is why it is said, *"Modi Hai Toh, Mumkin Hai."* Where Modi is, there is achievement.

To jest, whenever I see Modi on foreign soil, smiling and in a mood of bonhomie with world leaders, I see my country India there and remember the bombast of Julius Caesar who once told his Senators: Rome? Rome is where Caesar is.

May I say, in a similar tone and tenor: **"India? India is where Modi is."** After all, we are used to the jingle: "India is Indira and Indira is India." Let it be.

**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam** wanted India to be a developed country by 2020. He was a helmsman of extraordinary intelligence and a nationalist. Put him on a sinking ship on a rough sea, he would navigate the ship and steer it to the shore safely. That was in the world of Science and Technology. Why, even in politics. We have seen him handling an ambitious politician in a hurry to become Prime Minister.

APJ Abdul Kalam, as the President of India, had the courage of conviction to show that person the door. Now we have Prime Minister Modi, cast in a similar mould in the field of administration and politics. He says India must become a developed country by 2047 —100 years of our independence. Why not? Modi has already prepared the ground and sowed the seed of future development in these past 11 years to make India a developed country in 2047.

**Having given an overview of Modi's service to his *Bharat Mata,* let me give my own check-list of the following laws for Modi to deliver before his present term ends in 2029:**

**One,** the MOST IMPORTANT LAW — a common civil law, Uniform Civil Code, to redeem the pledge 'We the People' took and enshrined in our Constitution. This will further reinforce the 'unity and integrity' of the nation — One Country, One Law.

**Two,** provide a new farm law that is not uniform to the country but specific to each State or region as suggested by experts. **Three,** end the State control of Hindu temples by passing appropriate law, as provided to other minority religions. **Four,** abrogate that anti-Hindu law, passed by the earlier Congress government, the Places of Worship Act. **Five,** rehabilitate the Kashmir Pundits in their home-State and Hindus in West Bengal who left their villages following communal violence. **Six,** bring in radical, revolutionary judicial reforms post-haste before the Judiciary collapses.

As Prof. Anand Ranganathan, a TV Panellist said, if any other leader other than Modi has achieved this much in 11 years, then he or she deserves to be our next Prime Minister. Having seen all the Prime Ministers since 1947, I am inclined to agree with the Professor. Since I do not find anyone around, I suggest one more term for Modi. After all, at 74 Modi is still healthy and energetic. **Finally, here is wishing a Happy Anniversary to Modi Government.**

*Jai Hind.*

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## K.R. Rakshith is In-charge MDA Commissioner

**(Continued from page 1)**

Maintaining that he would try to form residential layouts after acquiring land from farmers without giving scope for any litigations, Rakshith said his first priority would be to allot sites to genuine applicants who have been waiting for decades to get a site or shelter of their own.

Pointing out that he would look into Group Housing Project aimed at providing housing at affordable costs, he said his other plans include the upgradation of the Master Plan, administrative reforms, securing the Authority's properties and augmentation of revenue, among others.

He further said that he would take into confidence Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the MDA Chairman, Officials, MLAs and other elected representatives in upholding the reputation of the Authority. The Government directives and guidelines issued from time to time on the functioning of the new Authority will be followed, he added.

Meanwhile, the tenure of new MDA Commissioner Raghunandan was just four days. The Government officially notified the formation of MDA on May 23, 2025, following which Raghunandan, who was the Commissioner of MUDA, became its first Commissioner. Now, with Rakshith taking charge as In-charge MDA Commissioner, Raghunandan's tenure ended in just four days. Raghunandan is said to be awaiting a new posting at Bengaluru.

## Advocate seeks recall of Dr. Saleem as acting DG&IGP

Bengaluru, May 28 (BS)- Advocate Sudha Katwa has written to Chief Secretary of the Government to withdraw the order issued on May 21 appointing Dr. M.A. Saleem as the In-charge DG and IGP.

*Dr. Saleem*

Advocate Katwa has cited Supreme Court (SC) order, according to which there is no provision to appoint DG and IGP on a temporary basis. While in the appointment of Saleem, the order has been issued without specific mention about the reasons and the tenure of appointment.

"It is a clear violation of the Constitution and the Law. Let the appointment be made in compliance with SC guidelines. If the strictures are not followed within seven days, a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) will be filed," warned Advocate Katwa.

# Issuance of FC for commercial vehicles hits a roadblock in Mysuru

## RTOs unable to generate challan owing to blocking of service by MoRTH; challan must be generated at ATS itself, clarifies RTO West, Mysuru

*Vehicle Inspection and Certification Centre located at RTO East, Rajivnagar in city. Picture right shows testing track inside the Centre.*

Mysuru, May 28 (RK&VNS)- The process of issuing Fitness Certificates (FCs), by the Regional Transport Offices (RTO) to declare vehicle as safe to travel on the road, has met with a hurdle, especially for the commercial vehicle (transport) owners, as the service has been stopped by both the RTOs in city from the past 10 days. However, the FC is being issued for non-transport vehicles.

Every day, commercial vehicle owners line up at Automated Testing Station (ATS) at Mysuru East RTO In Rajivnagar and return disappointed, as the authorities have stopped testing for commercial vehicles as the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) have blocked the facility as the RTOs failed to follow the guidelines.

Earlier, the MoRTH in its notification dated Apr. 5, 2022 had made fitness testing of vehicles through Automated Testing Stations (ATS) mandatory from April, 2023. Also for the medium goods vehicles, medium passenger motorvehicles and light motorvehicles (transport) the fitness testing was made compulsory from June 1, 2024.

Further, the notification also mentioned that the renewal of Fitness Certificates will be for a period of two years for commercial vehicles (transport) that are up to eight years old and one year for commercial vehicles (transport) that are older than eight years. However, fitness testing for personal vehicles (non-transport) is done after 15 years from the date of registration.

Following the Central Government's notification, a total of six Automated Testing Stations were opened under Devanahalli RTO and Nelamangala RTO in Bengaluru Rural District; Mysuru East RTO, Rajivnagar and Mysuru West RTO, Chamarajapuram in Mysuru and Dharwad East RTO and Dharwad West RTO in Dharwad. However, the challan generation for fitness certificates was being generated in respective RTOs since the implementation of ATS. Now, since the past 10 days, challans are not being generated at RTOs as the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has blocked the provision of generating challans at RTOs and instead has recommended the challans to be generated at the respective Automated Testing Stations itself.

**No provision for generating challan**

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Regional Transport Officer (RTO) West C.N. Ramachandra said that, the issue of Fitness Certificate to commercial vehicles had hit a roadblock since the RTOs were unable to generate challans for the testing of vehicles.

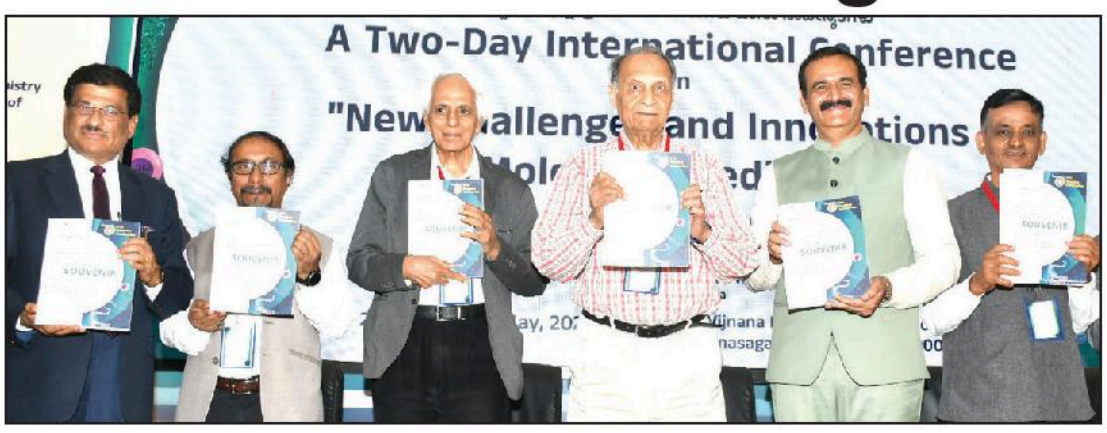
"According to MoRTH, the challan has to be generated at ATS where the testing for issuing fitness certificates is being done. Since, there is no provision, the State Government has requested the MoRTH to include the provision of generating challan for fitness testing at the VAHAN website and awaiting for the instructions.

**Private parties not interested in ATS**

"Crores of rupees are required to invest in setting up ATS and none of the private parties have expressed their interest. As it was made mandatory to conduct the fitness tests through ATS, the State Government took the initiative of starting six Automated Testing Stations in Bengaluru, Mysuru and Dharwad districts. While, the FC is being issued for non-transport vehicles, it has been stopped for commercial vehicles. However, except for autorickshaws, the owners of other commercial vehicles can get the fitness test done at RTOs as there are such provisions," said Ramachandra.

# Two-day International Conference on Molecular Medicine begins

Mysuru, May 28 (BLU&DM)- The two-day International Conference on 'New Challenges and Innovations in Molecular Medicine' (NCIMM-2025), organised by the Department of Studies in Chemistry and Department of Studies in Organic Chemistry of University of Mysore (UoM), marking the 70th birthday of former UoM and KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa, began at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri campus here this morning.




FROM LEFT: ***Former UoM VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Distinguished Professors Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu, Prof. T.P. Singh and*** *Padma Shri* ***Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath and Sun Pharma Advanced Research Company Ltd. Non-Executive Director Dr. T. Rajamannar, releasing the souvenir during the inauguration of International Conference at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri in city this morning.***

Delivering the welcome address, UoM VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath said that the University is deeply honoured to host this Conference with the participation of luminaries whose contributions have shaped the very landscape of modern science.

Pointing out that the Conference will deliberate on subjects such as Biomoleuclar diagnostics, drug discovery through AI (Artificial Intelligence) & natural product chemistry, emerging threats like AMR and biotoxins and the future of personalised medicine, Prof. Lokanath said, "It is hoped that the deliberations will advance scientific knowledge and pave the way for collaborative ventures, policy insights and student capacity building. The UoM, with its long standing legacy of research and global engagement, is proud to serve as the platform for such an important dialogue. This Conference reflects our deep commitment to One Health, interdisciplinary integration and our unwavering belief that knowledge must serve humanity."

He further said that this forum will spark transformative ideas, new research collaborations and meaningful exchanges, that will influence both policy and practise in the years to come. This Conference is also a great opportunity for research students to interact with top scientists of the country, he added.

Earlier, *Padma Shri* Prof. Goverdhan Mehta, University Distinguished Professor and Dr. Kallam Anji Reddy Chair and former Director of Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, inaugurated the event.

Prof. T.P. Singh, Distinguished Biotechnology Research Professor, AIIMS, New Delhi, Prof. Tapas Kumar Kundu, Distinguished Research Professor, JNCASR, Bengaluru, Dr. T. Rajamannar, Non-Executive Director, Sun Pharma Advanced Research Company Ltd., Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former UoM and KSOU Vice-Chancellor and others were present.


**ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**

ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರುಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಮೈಸೂರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಜಯಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಧನಗಳ್ಳಿ ದಾಖಲೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡಹುಂಡಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಾಗಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ. ಪುಟ್ಟಬಸವೇಗೌಡ ಮತ್ತು ಇವರ ಧರ್ಮಪತ್ನಿ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ. ಶಿವಮ್ಮ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರಿಂದ ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಅಧಿಕಾರ, ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ, ಭಾಗಾಂಶ, ಋಣ, ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ, ಬಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಇಂದಿನಿಂದ ಹದಿನೈದು (15) ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಆಜ್ಞತ ತಕರಾರು ಮತ್ತು ಪೂರಕ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಈ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಕರಾರುಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರಿಗೆ ಬಾರದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ, ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಇತರೆ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕು ಅಧಿಕಾರ, ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ, ಭಾಗಾಂಶ, ಋಣ, ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ, ಬಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತು ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರು ಪೂರ್ಣ ಹಕ್ಕುಳ್ಳವರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಕ್ರಯದ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆನಂತರ ಬರುವ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳಿಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರುಗಳು ನಿರ್ಬಂಧಿತರಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

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# THE LIGHTER SIDE

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

# The Armchair Political Commentator: Expert in Everything, Master of Nothing

We all know them. We've seen them. In fact, we can't not see them. They are everywhere — on TV panels, YouTube debates, podcasts, social media threads and increasingly, in your uncle's forwarded WhatsApp videos. They are the modern-day philosophers of our fractured democracies: the Armchair Political Commentators.

Armed with a loud voice, a shaky grasp of facts and an unwavering belief in their own importance, these individuals have made it their life's mission to comment, critique, condemn and occasionally, completely contradict themselves — depending on the channel they're on and whose party is currently in hot water.

**Professional shape-shifters**

Watch closely: on Channel A, they are champions of accountability, democracy and the Constitution — passionately defending free speech and transparency. But flip the channel and suddenly they're lamenting the excesses of free speech, attacking "so-called liberals" and talking about the need for "strong leadership."

Same person. Same tie. Different panel.

This ability to morph their ideology based on the colour of the studio lighting is not incompetence. No, it's versatility. Like method actors, they perform for the camera, drawing on an emotional reservoir of second-hand outrage and recycled catch-phrases. "Narrative-building," "toolkit conspiracy," "urban naxals," "institutional overreach" — their vocabulary may be borrowed, but their conviction is 100% original.

**Credentials? Don't ask**

You might be tempted to ask: what qualifies these folks to hold forth on matters of national importance? Are they political scientists? Former bureaucrats? Constitutional lawyers?

No, no and absolutely not. They are often self-declared "strategic affairs analysts" (whatever that means), think tank fellows with no visible thesis, or worse, YouTubers who once did a breakdown of the French Revolution with action figures.

And yet, there they are, night after night, analysing everything from border security to fiscal deficits with the same authoritative tone you'd expect from someone explaining how to boil an egg. Confidence, it turns out, is more compelling than competence.

**The real superpower: Talking in circles**

What makes the armchair commentator such a formidable presence isn't just their adaptability — it's their ability to speak at length while saying absolutely nothing.

Give them a minute and they will give you a monologue so dense with jargon and so light on actual meaning that you'll start questioning your own intelligence. "This issue must be seen through a multi-vector geopolitical lens, especially in light of the asymmetrical information environment and the shifting axis of democratic pluralism."

What does that mean? Who knows. But it sounds like it means something and that's all that matters.

**Social media: The echo chamber they call home**

When they're not on TV, they're on social media — re-tweeting themselves, issuing self-important "open letters" and performing outrage with the flair of a Shakespearean understudy. They write threads no one asked for and share articles they didn't finish, all in the noble pursuit of looking informed.

Their bios are a patchwork of vague accomplishments: "Policy enthusiast | Nation-watcher | Freedom advocate | Re-tweets ≠ endorsement (but yes, they do)."

In short: they're full-time brand ambassadors of their own opinions.

**Debate as theatre, not discourse**

What was once supposed to be public discourse has turned into a form of reality entertainment. The debates are less about logic and more about volume. Winning isn't measured in points made, but in seconds dominated. They interrupt more than they speak. They accuse more than they argue. And they never, ever admit to being wrong.

Because in the world of the armchair political commentator, admitting error is weakness — and worse, it's bad for engagement.

**In conclusion: The experts who knew too little**

The armchair political commentator is a creature of our time: loud, visible, always online. They represent the triumph of certainty over substance, style over sense and performance over principle. They may not know much, but they feel a lot — and that's apparently enough these days.

So the next time you see one wagging a finger on your screen, confidently dissecting international diplomacy with the depth of a dinner table debate, remember that it's not about the truth. It's about the optics. And the lighting. And the trending hashtag.

We don't just live in the age of information — we live in the age of informed-looking ignorance. And no one wears it better than the armchair pundit.

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# Youth For Seva fetes environmentalist Ramesh

## He has been transforming dry slopes of Karighatta into green sanctuaries

Mysuru, May 28- Y. Ramesh, a 48-year-old resident of Srirangapatna, has been quietly transforming the dry slopes of Karighatta into green sanctuaries for over a decade.

Ramesh's motivation? A haunting fire he witnessed in 2012 that ravaged forest land — man-made, avoidable and devastating. That moment lit a resolve in Ramesh to dedicate his life to planting trees, rain or shine, recognition or not.

In the last 12 years, Ramesh has planted over 3,500 saplings, with more than 3,000 surviving — many now towering at 15-20 feet. Working solo, carrying water cans for a living and watering saplings on the side, his effort is as rooted in humility as it is in ecological urgency. Locals fund his watering efforts on special occasions; schools invite him to speak, yet he remains averse to limelight. Recognising unsung heroes like Ramesh is a core value of Youth For Seva (YFS). As part of this mission, the YFS Karnataka Team led by Umapathi Bhat, State Coordinator for Environment, YFS Karnataka, along with Vidya Umapathi Bhat and C.V. Keerthi, Lead Coordinator, YFS Mysore, honoured Ramesh at Karighatta. A Peepal sapling was planted, marking a union of citizen action and organised environmental stewardship.

# Newly appointed Home Guards undergo Foundation Training

Mysuru, May 28 (SPN&BS)- The 204 newly recruited Home Guards of Mysuru District Home Guards Unit underwent a 10-day foundation training at the Community Hall, District Armed Reserve (DAR) Police Ground, Jyothinagar in city recently.

Speaking on the occasion, DAR Police Inspector H.V. Deviprasad said that the State Home Guards Unit is working with commitment towards social service. It is a perfect platform to work with devotion and the selected candidates should make use of the opportunity.

The candidates will be deputed to various Government Departments on a temporary basis. They should work towards keeping the reputation of those respective departments high.

During various strikes, protests and emergency situations, the Home Guards should work in tandem with the Police Department. They should be more patient, disciplined and honest in their profession. During the foundation training, the trainees were imparted classes on maintaining physical and mental well-being.

District Home Guards Commandant Dr. M. Kantharaju said, a total of 1,300 posts have been sanctioned for the District Home Guards Unit, with 1,100 personnel discharging their duty.

Applications had been invited for recruitment of remaining candidates and over 630 applications had been received, with 436 appearing for interview. Among them, capable candidates were selected by the Committee that had Dy.SP (DAR) H.V. Veeranna and DDPI S.T. Javare Gowda and myself, as its Members, he said.

The eligibility for Home Guard post is SSLC, but among the candidates who had applied, there were highly qualified candidates too. Ignoring the high profile influences favouring some candidates, the eligible candidates were recruited by the Selection Committee, said Dr. Kantharaju.

Assistant Administrative Officer M. Mallikarjun Nalathwad, Deputy Commandant S.R. Gaekwad, Teaching Faculty M.R. Chandan, S. Manjunath, M. Shilpa, S. Vidyashri and A.S. Shruti were present on the occasion.

# BAI Mysore fetes artisans

## Construction workers play games, get ticket to cinema

*The artisans, who were honoured by Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, for their achievement in different capacities in construction industry, seen with (standing from left) H. Ashwathanarayana, Coordinator, Veena Ashok, Spoorthi Hon.Treasurer 2025-26, Ramya Lokesh, Spoorthi Hon.Secretary 2025-26, C.D. Krishna, Hon. Secretary, BAI Mysore Centre 2025-26, V. Srinath, Chairman, BAI Mysore Centre 2025-26, chief guest actress Abhinaya, M.S. Ramprasad, Managing Trustee, MBCT, Kavitha Gururaj, Spoorthi President 2025-26, S. Vasudevan, Hon. Treasurer BAI Mysore Centre and B. Rajesh Darira, Programme Coordinator, BAI Member.*

Mysuru, May 28- Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, had organised May Day celebrations on a grand scale with the participation of more than 220 construction workers and their family members.

The day began with a sports meet organised at Maharshi Public School Grounds. Later, the artisans were honoured at Mysore Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT) auditorium, Mysuru.

Earlier, the Sports Meet was inaugurated by MBCT Managing Trustee M.S. Ramprasad by throwing the shot put.

Later all the construction workers and their family members arrived in a procession from Maharshi Public School Grounds to MBCT Auditorium.

Dr. Roopa Sheshadri rendered invocation. V. Srinath, Chairman BAI Mysore Centre, welcomed and emphasised the uniqueness of this year's celebration, which also included cinema ticket to workers and a day full of sports and entertainment.

M.S. Ramprasad asked the construction workers to utilise the benefits of medical treatment and medicines extended by the MBCT and BAI.

Kavitha Gururaj, President of Spoorthi, the ladies wing of BAI, briefed about the activities and requested the construction workers to utilise the health check-up camps and training programmes conducted in association with BAI.

Cine actress Abhinaya, who was the chief guest, applauded BAI for identifying and awarding the artisans, besides encouraging them by organising sports events and conducting health camps for the benefit of workers and their families.

Twelve artisans who have contributed with meritorious works in the field of construction industry in different capacities were honoured on the occasion.

Prizes were distributed by the chief guest to the winners of the various sports events.

BAI Hon. Secretary C.D. Krishna proposed the vote of thanks. C. Vishwanath compered the programme.

# HC Judge inaugurates renovated Moot Court at JSS Law College

Mysuru, May 28 (MK&BS)- High Court Judge Justice E.S. Indiresh inaugurated the renovated Moot Court at JSS Law College, Kuvempunagar in the city recently.

In his address, Indiresh said, 'Along with studies, the Moot Court provides a professional experience to the students, being a perfect platform for the students to understand the judiciary system and the way of functioning of the Court.'

Among the public services in the country, the Judicial Services hold a distinct position. To be a part of the highly valued service, it is essential for the students to study effectively. The Moot Court, being a part of the curriculum, functions as a platform to hone the skills of students as a judge and advocate. In this competitive era, much emphasis is laid on the skills rather than obtaining the marks. The Moot Court is also beneficial in improving the skills to speak, asserted Justice Indiresh.

"Ours is a democratic nation, with Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Constitution considered as supreme for all. Prior to attending the Court, what holds the key is to make a deep study of the case, note the merits for argument, analyse the possibilities of judgement, utilisation of technology and gathering of crucial evidences. If such skills are acquired in a practical manner, it would be possible for the students to build a better career, that would be a role model for others," advised Justice Indiresh.

Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji said, this being a competitive era, the presentation skills that reflects one's depth of knowledge is pivotal, the buzzword that was earlier taught by others. Now, we are in a self-learning phase. As a professional advocate, the communication skill, winnability, professional experience and the capacity to argue, count more than their alma mater.

Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Law University Prof. C. Basavaraju, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Chief Executive of JSS Law College Prof. K.S. Suresh, Principal Dr. N. Vanishree, Associate Professor M.P. Nagendra Murthy and Assistant Prof. Dr. A.T. Jagadish were present.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Argot

**Pronunciation:** argət (noun).
**Meaning:** A characteristic language of a particular group (as among thieves), jargon, lingo, slang, vernacular.
**Origin:** Argot can mean a technical language or a code. In high school, only those who spent their time studying computer manuals could understand the argot of the computer lab kids. The word argot was originally used to describe the slang of thieves and rogues, who spoke in sneaky ways that the upright citizen couldn't understand. We can also use argot to describe less criminal kinds of vocabularies. Any specialised practice can create an argot: boxers talk of bodyshots and jabs, just as grammar teachers complain of split infinitives and dangling participles.
**Example:** His book for "West Side Story" was notable for its stylized argot, which sounded like the scrappy talk of street toughs but was largely his own original patois.— New York Times, May 7, 2011.

## THE ODD WORD

### Acapnia

Lack or deficiency of carbon dioxide.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Apple of My Eye

**Meaning:** The phrase 'Apple of My Eye' is used to describe someone who is highly cherished by you.
**Origin:** The expression 'Apple of my eye' is ancient. It was first known to have appeared in Old English in an 885 book titled *Gregory's Pastoral Care,* a work attributed to King Alfred the Great of Wessex. The phrase "Apple of My Eye" refers in English to something or someone that one cherishes above all others. It signifies a person who holds a special place in someone's heart. Originally, the phrase was simply an idiom referring to pupil of the eye. The sense "pupil" appears to be the meaning Shakespeare used in his 1590s plays *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* and *Love's Labor's Lost.* In the *A Midsummer Night's Dream,* fairy character Oberon has acquired a flower that was once hit by Cupid's arrow, imbuing it with magical love-arousing properties and drops juice of this flower into a young sleeping man's eyes, saying "Flower of this purple dye, / Hit with Cupid's archery, / Sink in apple of his eye".
**Example:** "I just love Jessie. She's the apple of my eye."

## QUOTE BOX

An animal's eyes have power to speak a great language.— **Martin Buber**

## RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

*Answer: Beaten black and blue.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Second month in short
4 Cpl., e.g.
7 To _ ___ : everybody? (1,3)
11 Disease activity index, abbr.
12 Alfred's pet name
13 Naval Officer In Charge
14 _ ___ _ steam: have no energy or enthusiasm left? (3,3,2)
17 Restrain or control
18 Reprimands, scolds or berates
20 Dutch cheese
22 Reverberation of sound
23 Air Transp. Radio
24 Roof overhang
27 Crown or headband
31 A pattern of recurrence
33 Author ___ Cussler
34 Owns
35 Young boys
37 Injures permanently
39 Large concert instrument? (5,5)
42 Rough person
43 Three scores and ten is the Biblical ___ ____? (4,4)
46 Henry VIII's second
47 Mischievous fairy or person
48 Indian Medical Association, acronym?
49 Action or fact
50 Pig's dwelling
51 Advocate, in short

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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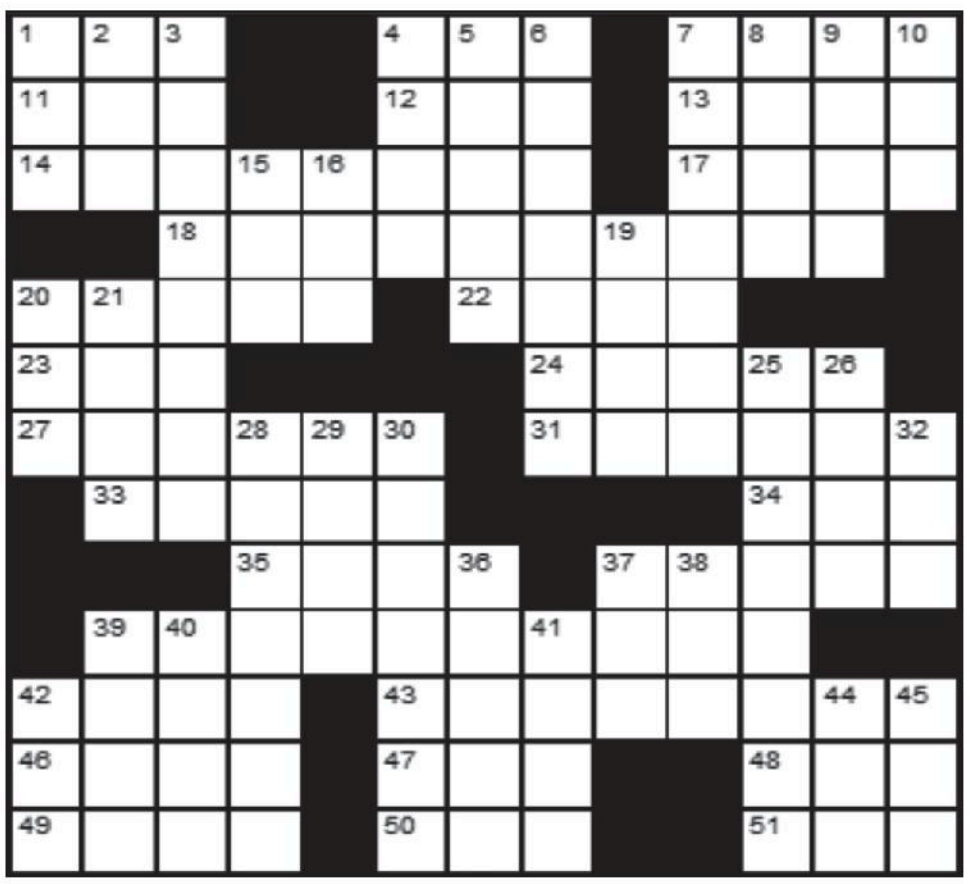
**DOWN**

1 USA's longest serving President in short
2 ___ de vie, brandy
3 Having two ears
4 Defense pact acronym?
5 Reproduce by asexual means
6 Senior executive
7 Small fish of the herring family
8 Expression of disdain
9 Light breezes
10 National Coal Board, abbr.
15 Strange
16 Actress Thurman
19 Bahadur ___ Zafar : the last Mughal?
20 Flit about
21 Ear-related
25 African country
26 A pretence
28 Swollen, amplified or bloated
29 A Welsh boy's name
30 Interferes unnecessarily
32 Random Hse. mail
36 Overflowed
37 __ West : life-jacket?
38 Ques. companion
39 Departed or missing
40 Mystic symbol
41 Doubtful
42 Youth
44 Intel competitor
45 Net asset value, abbr.



## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 9 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 |
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**KQAASKK GK UCOU WHY OVA - OVGHGUI,**

**VFSOTK, ORY AWQFOJS.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: K EQUALS S**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

**Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
*Maaman (Ta)* - 4 Shows

**Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
*Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* - 4 Shows

**Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
*Bhagiratha (K)* - 4 Shows

**Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
*Ace (Ta)* - 4 Shows

**Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
*Kirik (K)* - 4 Shows

**Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
*Cyanide - 2006 (K)* - 4 Shows

**Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
*Kuladalli Keelyavudo (K)* - 4 Shows

**Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
*Devil's Double Next Level (Ta)* - 4 Shows

**Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
*Dhadkan (H)* - 3 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

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| *Final Destination Bloodlines (E)* | (S-1) | 10.40 am, 7.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 2 pm, 4.30 pm |
| *Kuladalli Keel Yavudo (K)* | (S-1) | 1.05 pm |
| *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (E)* | (S-1) | 4 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.35 am, 7 pm, 10.25 pm |
| *Narivetta (Ma)* | (S-1) | 10 pm |
| *Lilo and Stitch (E-3D)* | (S-2) | 11 am, 4.35 pm |
| *Ace (Ta)* | (S-2) | 1.25 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Dhadkan (H)* | (S-2) | 7 pm |
| *Manku Thimmana Kagga (K)* | (S-3) | 11.10 am |
| *Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)* | (S-3) | 1.35 pm, 7.35 pm |
| *Kesari Veer (H)* | (S-3) | 4.10 pm |
| *Detective Ujjwalan (Ma)* | (S-3) | 10.10 pm |

### MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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| *Jai Kissan (K)* | : | 1 pm |
| *Yuddhakaanda Chapter 2 (K)* | : | 1.20 pm |
| | | 7.30 pm |
| *Thudarum (Ma)* | : | 7:30 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402**

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| *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (H)* | : | 9.45 am |
| *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (E)* | : | 10 am, 12.45 pm, 4.10 pm |
| | | 6.40 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Lilo & Stitch (E-3D)* | : | 10 am, 12.30 pm, 5.30, 8 pm |
| *Final Destination Bloodlines (E)* | : | 10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 3 pm, 10.30 |
| *Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)* | : | 10.20 am, 1.30 pm, 4.10 pm |
| | | 7.40 pm, 10 pm |
| *Ace (Ta)* | : | 10.25 am, 1 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.30 |
| *Shinchan: Our Dinosaur Diary (H)* | : | 1.35 pm |
| *Narivetta (H)* | : | 3.45 pm |
| *Narivetta (Ma)* | : | 7.15 pm |
| *Tourist Family (Ta)* | : | 3.55 pm |
| *Kapkapiii (H)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *Raid 2 (H)* | : | 6.35 pm |
| *Detective Ujjwalan (Ma)* | : | 10.10 pm |
| *Kesari Veer (H)* | : | 10.10 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009**

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| *Ace (Ta)* | : | 10.20 am, 4.10 pm |
| | | 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)* | : | 10.20 am, 1.30 pm, 4.30 pm |
| | | 7.10 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *Lilo & Stitch (E-3D)* | : | 11 am, 1.30 pm, 4 pm 10 pm |
| *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (E)* | : | 1 pm, 6.30 pm |
| *Cyanide (2006) (K)* | : | 1.50 pm |
| *Final Destination Bloodlines (E)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *United Kingdom of Kerala (UKOK) (Ma)* | : | 6.45 pm |
| *Narivetta (H)* | : | 9.30 pm |

# 'Veer Savarkar Samman' award ceremony tomorrow

*Dr. Harish*

Mysuru, May 28 (PM)- Mysuru-based Savarkar Pratishtana will confer 'Veer Savarkar Samman' on Dr. G.B. Harish, Founder, Vandemataram Pathashale, Bengaluru, writer-critic, Indian and Western Philosophy, in commemoration of the 142nd Jayanti of Vinayak Damodar (Veer) Savarkar.

Announcing this at a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, Pratishtana Secretary Sandesh said that the award ceremony will take place at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road at 5.30 pm tomorrow (May 29).

*Mysuru's Savarkar Pratishtana Members releasing the poster of the award ceremony at a press meet in city yesterday.*

The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a bust of Veer Savarkar, memento and a citation.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar will present the award. Dr. Chandrashekar of Aditya Adhikari Hospital will be the guest of honour. Pratishtana President Dr. S. Yashaswini will preside.

Pratishtana Members Rakesh Bhat, Shivakumar Chikkakanya and A. Raghavendra were present at the press meet.

## EVENTS TODAY (MAY 28)

- **DoS in Chemistry, DoS in Organic Chemistry, University of Mysore (UoM):** Felicitation to Prof. K.S. Rangappa for his outstanding scientific contribution on the occasion of his 70th birthday along with his wife Poornimadevi Rangappa, former Director of IISc. Bengaluru *Padma Shri* Prof. Goverdhan Mehta chief guest, former VC of UoM Prof. S.N. Hegde presides, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Mysore K. Vasudevacharya's 160th Birth Anniversary Concert sponsored by late K.V. Murthy and Abhimani Balaga - vocal concert by Ganakalabhushana R.K. Padmanabha, accompanied by Vidu. Sindhu Suchetan on violin, Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 83rd Birthday of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, Vocal Concert by Vid. Sriram Jonnalagadda, Ashram premises, Datta Nagar, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 29)

- **Sri Saptamathruka Chowdeshwari Temple, Vijayanagar 3rd Stage:** 20th Annual Pratishtha Vardhanti Festivities-2025, Sri Rudraikadashini Homa, Temple premises, **8 am.**
- **KSOU:** Inauguration of 2-day International Conference on 'Life skills and well-being of children and youth in the digital world' by MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and MLA G.T. Devegowda, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, MLAs Harishgowda & Ravishankar and DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy chief guests, inaugural address by HoD and Dean - Dept. of Education - School of Education and Training - Central University of Karnataka Prof. G.R. Angadi, KSOU Registrar Prof. S.K. Naveen Kumar and Dean (Academic) & Senior Professor Prof. N. Lakshmi will be present, Kaveri auditorium, KSOU premises, **10.30 am.**
- **Abhivruddhi:** Silk India-2025 saree exhibition, Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham - Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 83rd Birthday of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, Karnatak Music Programme by Vid. Vikas Maitreya, **3 pm;** 'Rama Katha' - Solo thematic Bharatanatyam by Vid. Satyanarayana Raju, Ashram premises, Datta Nagar, Nanjangud Road, **7 pm.**
- **Savarkar Pratishtana, Mysuru:** 142nd Jayanti of Vinayak Damodar (Veer) Savarkar, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar confers 'Veer Savarkar Samman' on Dr. G.B. Harish (Founder, Vandemataram Pathashale, Bengaluru, writer-critic, Indian and Western Philosophy), Kalamandira, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** T.R. Mahalingam Samsmarana Concert sponsored by Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru - Flute Concert by Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

### INOX LIVE the MOVIE

**Mall of Mysore - Mob: 78299-99465**

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| *Kesari Veer (H)* | : | 9.50 am |
| *Final Destination Bloodlines (E)* | : | 9.55 am, 1.35 pm, 8 pm |
| *Bhool Chuk Maaf (H)* | : | 10 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm |
| | | 7.20 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (E)* | : | 10.05 am, 12.40 pm, 6.50, 10 pm |
| *Lilo & Stitch (E-3D)* | : | 12.25 pm, 5.30 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Cyanide (2006) (K)* | : | 2.55 pm |
| *Ace (Ta)* | : | 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *HIT: The Third Case (K)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Narivetta (Ma)* | : | 7.15 pm |

**INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555**

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| *Lilo & Stitch (E-3D)* | : | 9.55 am, 2.55 pm, 7.40 pm |
| *Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning (E)* | : | 10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.20 pm |
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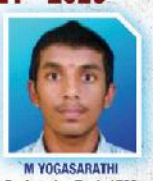

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